

12. (Amended) The method as in claim 11, wherein the superheated steam delivered contacts the [basal leaves] plant and is in a temperature range of about 250 ° F to about 500 ° F.

Please add the following new claims:

19. The method as in claim 11, wherein said plant is a cotton plant.

20. The method as in claim 11, wherein said plant is a vine, a tree, or a shrub.

21. The method as in claim 20, wherein said vine is a grape vine having berries, and wherein said defoliation includes defoliation of basal leaves adjacent to developing grape berries.

22. An agricultural method comprising:

generating a flow of superheated steam; and

delivering the flow of superheated steam to a plant having a graft, where said delivering is sufficient to inhibit a growth on said plant.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said plant is a fruit plant.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein said plant is a cotton plant.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein said plant is a vine, a tree, or a shrub.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein said vine is a grape vine.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein said tree is a nut tree.

28. The method of claim 22, wherein said delivering delivers said flow adjacent to said graft.

29. The method of claim 22, wherein said delivering delivers said flow to the root stock of said graft.

30. An agricultural method comprising:

generating a flow of superheated steam; and

delivering the flow of superheated steam adjacent to a graft sufficient to inhibit a growth adjacent to said graft.